

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Present Application :**

Applicants : John S. Yu et al.  
Title : USE OF CXCR4 PROTEIN EXPRESSION ON THE SURFACE  
OF STEM CELLS AS A MARKER FOR TUMOR TROPIC  
POTENTIAL  
Docket No. : 67789-566  
Date : August 31, 2006

**Prior Application :**

Examiner : Unassigned  
Art Unit : Unassigned  
Application No. : PCT/US04/30607

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents:

Prior to examination of the national phase application included herewith and the calculation of fees associated with the claims thereof, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.